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Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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Reported by Mr. JEFFORDS, with amendments

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A BILL

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to enhance the Nation's capacity to address public health threats and emergencies.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Public Health Threats
3 and Emergencies Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**
5 **ACT.**

6 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by striking section
8 319 and inserting the following:

9 **“SEC. 319. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.**

10 “(a) EMERGENCIES.—If the Secretary determines,
11 after consultation with the Director of the Centers for Dis-
12 ease Control and Prevention and other public health offi-
13 cials as may be necessary, that—

14 “(1) a disease or disorder presents a public
15 health emergency; or

16 “(2) a public health emergency, including sig-
17 nificant outbreaks of infectious diseases or bioter-
18 rorist attacks, otherwise exists,

19 the Secretary may take such action as may be appropriate
20 to respond to the public health emergency, including mak-
21 ing grants and entering into contracts and conducting and
22 supporting investigations into the cause, treatment, or
23 prevention of a disease or disorder as described in para-
24 graphs (1) and (2).

25 “(b) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
2 Treasury a fund to be designated as the ‘Public
3 Health Emergency Fund’ to be made available to
4 the Secretary without fiscal year limitation to carry
5 out subsection (a) only if a public health emergency
6 has been declared by the Secretary under such sub-
7 section. There is authorized to be appropriated to
8 the Fund such sums as may be necessary.

9 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
10 the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall pre-
11 pare and submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-
12 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the
13 Committee on Commerce of the House of Represent-
14 atives a report describing—

15 “(A) the expenditures made from the Pub-
16 lic Health Emergency Fund in such fiscal year;
17 and

18 “(B) each public health emergency for
19 which the expenditures were made and the ac-
20 tivities undertaken with respect to each emer-
21 gency which was conducted or supported by ex-
22 penditures from the Fund.

23 “(c) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appro-
24 priated under this section shall be used to supplement and

1 not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds
2 provided for activities under this section.

3 **“SEC. 319A. NATIONAL NEEDS TO COMBAT THREATS TO**
4 **PUBLIC HEALTH.**

5 “(a) CAPACITIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary,
8 and such Administrators, Directors, or Commis-
9 sioners, as may be appropriate, and in collaboration
10 with State and local health officials, shall establish
11 reasonable capacities that are appropriate for na-
12 tional, State, and local public health systems and the
13 personnel or work forces of such systems. Such ca-
14 pacities shall be revised every 10 years, or more fre-
15 quently as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

16 “(2) BASIS.—The capacities established under
17 paragraph (1) shall improve, enhance or expand the
18 capacity of national, state and local public health
19 agencies to detect and respond effectively to signifi-
20 cant public health threats, including major out-
21 breaks of infectious disease, pathogens resistant to
22 antimicrobial agents and acts of bioterrorism. Such
23 capacities may include the capacity to—

1 “(A) recognize the clinical signs and epide-
 2 miological characteristic of significant outbreaks
 3 of infectious disease;

4 “(B) identify disease-causing pathogens
 5 rapidly and accurately;

6 “(C) develop and implement plans to pro-
 7 vide medical care for persons infected with dis-
 8 ease-causing agents and to provide preventive
 9 care as needed for individuals likely to be ex-
 10 posed to disease-causing agents;

11 “(D) communicate information relevant to
 12 significant public health threats rapidly to local,
 13 State and national health agencies; or

14 “(E) develop or implement policies to pre-
 15 vent the spread of infectious disease or anti-
 16 microbial resistance.

17 ~~“(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date~~
 18 ~~of enactment of this section, and every 10 years thereafter,~~
 19 ~~the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee~~
 20 ~~on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate~~
 21 ~~and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Rep-~~
 22 ~~resentatives a report describing the capacities established~~
 23 ~~pursuant to subsection (a).~~

24 ~~“(e) (b) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds ap-~~
 25 ~~propriated under this section shall be used to supplement~~

1 and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public
 2 funds provided for activities under this section.

3 ~~“(d)~~ (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
 4 shall provide technical assistance to the States to assist
 5 such States in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

6 ~~“(e)~~ (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 7 There ~~is~~ *are* authorized to be appropriated to carry out
 8 this section such sums as may be necessary for each of
 9 the fiscal years 2001 through 2006.

10 **“SEC. 319B. ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS.**

11 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Not later than 1 year
 12 after the date of enactment of this section and every 10
 13 years thereafter, the Secretary shall award grants to
 14 States to perform, in collaboration with local public health
 15 agencies, an evaluation to determine the extent to which
 16 *the* States or local public health agencies can achieve the
 17 capacities applicable to State and local public health agen-
 18 cies described in subsection (a) of section 319A. The Sec-
 19 retary shall provide technical assistance to States in addi-
 20 tion to awarding such grants.

21 “(b) PROCEDURE.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may contract with
 23 an outside entity to perform the evaluation described
 24 in subsection (a).

1 “(2) METHODS.—To the extent practicable, the
 2 evaluation described in subsection (a) shall be com-
 3 pleted by using ~~commonly accepted methods~~ *meth-*
 4 *ods, to be developed by the Secretary in collaboration*
 5 *with State and local health officials, that facilitate*
 6 *the comparison of evaluations conducted by a State to*
 7 *those conducted by other States receiving funds under*
 8 *this section.*

9 “(c) REPORT BY STATE.—Not later than 1 year after
 10 the date on which a State receives a grant under this sub-
 11 section, such State shall prepare and submit to the Sec-
 12 retary a report describing the results of the evaluation de-
 13 scribed in subsection (a) with respect to such State.

14 “(d) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appro-
 15 priated under this section shall be used to supplement and
 16 not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds
 17 provided for activities under this section.

18 “~~(E)~~ (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 19 There ~~is~~ *are* authorized to be appropriated to carry out
 20 this section such sums as may be necessary for each of
 21 the fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

22 **“SEC. 319C. GRANTS TO IMPROVE STATE AND LOCAL PUB-**
 23 **LIC HEALTH AGENCIES.**

24 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall
 25 award competitive grants to eligible entities to address

1 core public health capacity needs using the capacities de-
 2 veloped under section 319A, with a particular focus on
 3 building capacity to identify, detect, monitor, and respond
 4 to threats to the public health.

5 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—A State or political sub-
 6 division of a State, or a consortium of 2 or more States
 7 or political subdivisions of States, that has completed an
 8 evaluation under section 319B(a), or an evaluation that
 9 is substantially equivalent as determined by the Secretary
 10 under section 319B(a), shall be eligible for grants under
 11 subsection ~~(b)~~ (a).

12 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
 13 a grant under subsection ~~(b)~~ (a), may use funds received
 14 under such grant to—

15 “(1) train public health personnel;

16 “(2) develop, enhance, coordinate, or improve
 17 participation in an electronic network by which dis-
 18 ease detection and public health related information
 19 can be rapidly shared among national, regional,
 20 State, and local public health agencies and health
 21 care providers;

22 “(3) develop a plan for responding to public
 23 health emergencies, including significant outbreaks
 24 of infectious diseases or bioterrorism attacks, which
 25 is coordinated with the capacities of applicable na-

1 tional, State, ~~and local national~~ *local, and national*
 2 health agencies; and

3 “(4) enhance laboratory capacity and facilities.

4 “(d) ~~REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date~~
 5 of enactment of this section and annually thereafter, the
 6 Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on
 7 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and
 8 the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representa-
 9 tives a report that describes the activities carried out
 10 under this section.

11 “(d) *REPORT.—No later than January 1, 2005, the*
 12 *Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on*
 13 *Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and*
 14 *the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives*
 15 *a report that describes the activities carried out under sec-*
 16 *tions 319A, 319B, and 319C.*

17 “(e) ~~SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appro-~~
 18 priated under this section shall be used to supplement and
 19 not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds
 20 provided for activities under this section.

21 “(f) ~~AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There~~
 22 *is are* authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
 23 tion such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
 24 years 2001 through 2006.

1 **“SEC. 319D. REVITALIZING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE**
 2 **CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

3 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the Centers for
 4 Disease Control and Prevention have an essential role in
 5 defending against and combatting public health threats of
 6 the twenty-first century and requires secure and modern
 7 facilities that are sufficient to enable such Centers to con-
 8 duct this important mission.

9 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
 10 purposes of achieving the mission of the Centers for Dis-
 11 ease Control and Prevention described in subsection (a),
 12 for constructing new facilities and renovating existing fa-
 13 cilities of such Centers, including laboratories, laboratory
 14 support buildings, health communication facilities, office
 15 buildings and other facilities and infrastructure, for better
 16 conducting the capacities described in section 319A, and
 17 for supporting related public health activities, there are
 18 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
 19 essary for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2010.

20 **“SEC. 319E. COMBATING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE.**

21 “(a) TASK FORCE.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
 23 lish an Antimicrobial Resistance Task Force to ~~co-~~
 24 ~~ordinate~~ *provide advice and recommendations to the*
 25 *Secretary on* Federal programs relating to anti-
 26 microbial resistance. The Secretary may appoint or

1 select a committee, or other organization in existence
 2 as of the date of enactment of this section, to serve
 3 as such a task force, if such committee, or other or-
 4 ganization meets the requirements of this section.

5 “(2) MEMBERS OF TASK FORCE.—The task
 6 force described in paragraph (1) shall be composed
 7 of representatives from such Federal agencies, public
 8 health constituencies, manufacturers, medical profes-
 9 sional societies and others as determined to be nec-
 10 essary by the Secretary, to ~~develop and implement~~
 11 *provide advice and recommendations regarding a*
 12 comprehensive strategic plan to address the public
 13 health threat of antimicrobial resistance.

14 “(3) AGENDA.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The task force de-
 16 scribed in paragraph (1) shall consider factors
 17 the Secretary considers appropriate,
 18 including—

19 “(i) public health factors contributing
 20 to increasing antimicrobial resistance;

21 “(ii) public health needs to detect and
 22 monitor antimicrobial resistance;

23 “(iii) detection, prevention, and con-
 24 trol strategies for resistant pathogens;

1 “(iv) the need for improved informa-
2 tion and data collection;

3 “(v) the assessment of the risk im-
4 posed by pathogens presenting a threat to
5 the public health; and

6 “(vi) any other issues which the Sec-
7 retary determines are relevant to anti-
8 microbial resistance.

9 “(B) DETECTION AND CONTROL.—The
10 Secretary, in consultation with the task force
11 described in paragraph (1) and State and local
12 public health officials, shall—

13 “(i) develop, improve, coordinate or
14 enhance participation in a surveillance plan
15 to detect and monitor emerging anti-
16 microbial resistance; and

17 “(ii) develop, improve, coordinate or
18 enhance participation in an integrated in-
19 formation system to assimilate, analyze,
20 and exchange antimicrobial resistance data
21 between public health departments.

22 “(4) MEETINGS.—The task force described
23 under paragraph (1) shall convene not less than
24 twice a year, or more frequently as the Secretary de-
25 termines to be appropriate.

1 “(b) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ANTI-
 2 MICROBIAL DRUGS AND DIAGNOSTICS.—The Director of
 3 *the* National ~~Institute~~ *Institutes* of Health and the Direc-
 4 tor of the ~~Center~~ *Centers* for Disease Control and Preven-
 5 tion, ~~in collaboration with members~~ *consistent with the rec-*
 6 *ommendations* of the task force established under sub-
 7 section (a), shall conduct and support research, investiga-
 8 tions, experiments, demonstrations, and studies in the
 9 health sciences that are related to—

10 “(1) the development of new therapeutics, in-
 11 cluding vaccines and antimicrobials, against resist-
 12 ant pathogens;

13 “(2) the development or testing of medical
 14 diagnostics to detect pathogens resistant to
 15 antimicrobials;

16 “(3) the epidemiology, mechanisms, and patho-
 17 genesis of antimicrobial resistance;

18 “(4) the sequencing of the genomes of priority
 19 pathogens as determined by the Director of the Na-
 20 tional Institutes of Health in consultation with the
 21 task force established under subsection (a); and

22 “(5) other relevant research areas.

23 “(c) EDUCATION OF MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH
 24 PERSONNEL.—The Secretary, after consultation with the
 25 Surgeon General, the Director of the Centers for Disease

1 Control and Prevention, the ~~Director of~~ *Administrator of*
 2 *the* Health Resources and Services Administration, the Di-
 3 rector of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality,
 4 members of the task force described in subsection (a), and
 5 professional organizations and societies, shall—

6 “(1) develop and implement educational pro-
 7 grams to increase the awareness of the general pub-
 8 lic with respect to the public health threat of anti-
 9 microbial resistance and the appropriate use of anti-
 10 biotics;

11 “(2) develop and implement educational pro-
 12 grams to instruct health care professionals in the
 13 prudent use of antibiotics; and

14 “(3) develop and implement programs to train
 15 laboratory personnel in the recognition or identifica-
 16 tion of resistance in pathogens.

17 “(d) GRANTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
 19 competitive grants to eligible entities to enable such
 20 entities to increase the capacity to detect, monitor,
 21 and combat antimicrobial resistance.

22 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Eligible entities for
 23 grants under paragraph (1) shall be State or local
 24 public health agencies.

1 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiv-
2 ing a grant under paragraph (1) shall use funds
3 from such grant for activities that are consistent
4 with the factors identified by the task force under
5 subsection (a)(3), which may include activities
6 that—

7 “(A) provide training to enable such entity
8 to identify patterns of resistance rapidly and
9 accurately;

10 “(B) develop, improve, coordinate or en-
11 hance participation in information systems by
12 which data on resistant infections can be shared
13 rapidly among relevant national, State, and
14 local health agencies and health care providers;
15 and

16 “(C) develop and implement policies to
17 control the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

18 “(e) GRANTS FOR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
20 competitive grants to eligible entities to establish
21 demonstration programs to promote judicious use of
22 antimicrobial drugs or control the spread of anti-
23 microbial-resistant pathogens.

24 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Eligible entities for
25 grants under paragraph (1) may include hospitals,

1 clinics, institutions of long-term care, ~~or professional~~
 2 ~~medical societies~~ *professional medical societies, or*
 3 *other public or private nonprofit entities.*

4 “(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
 5 shall provide appropriate technical assistance to eli-
 6 gible entities that receive grants under paragraph
 7 (1).

8 “(f) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appro-
 9 priated under this section shall be used to supplement and
 10 not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds
 11 provided for activities under this section.

12 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
 14 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
 15 2001 through 2006.

16 **“SEC. 319F. PUBLIC HEALTH COUNTERMEASURES TO A BIO-**
 17 **TERRORIST ATTACK.**

18 “(a) WORKING GROUP ON PREPAREDNESS FOR ACTS
 19 OF BIOTERRORISM.—The Secretary, in coordination with
 20 the Secretary of Defense, shall establish a joint inter-
 21 departmental working group on preparedness and readi-
 22 ness for the medical and public health effects of a bioter-
 23 rorist attack on the civilian population. Such joint working
 24 group shall—

1 “(1) coordinate research on pathogens likely to
2 be used in a bioterrorist attack on the civilian popu-
3 lation as well as therapies to treat such pathogens;

4 “(2) coordinate research and development into
5 equipment to detect pathogens likely to be used in
6 a bioterrorist attack on the civilian population and
7 protect against infection from such pathogens;

8 “(3) develop shared standards for equipment to
9 detect and to protect against infection from patho-
10 gens likely to be used in a bioterrorist attack on the
11 civilian population; and

12 “(4) coordinate the development, maintenance,
13 and procedures for the release of, strategic reserves
14 of vaccines, drugs, and medical supplies which may
15 be needed rapidly after a bioterrorist attack upon
16 the civilian population.

17 “(b) WORKING GROUP ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
18 MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF BIOTERRORISM.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collabo-
20 ration with the Director of the Federal Emergency
21 Management Agency and the Attorney General, shall
22 establish a joint interdepartmental working group to
23 address the public health and medical consequences
24 of a bioterrorist attack on the civilian population.

25 “(2) FUNCTIONS.—Such working group shall—

1 “(A) assess the priorities for and enhance
 2 the preparedness of public health institutions,
 3 providers of medical care, and other emergency
 4 service personnel to detect, diagnose, and re-
 5 spond to a bioterrorist attack; and

6 “(B) in the recognition that medical and
 7 public health professionals are likely to provide
 8 much of the first response to such an attack,
 9 develop, coordinate, enhance, and assure the
 10 quality of joint planning and training programs
 11 that address the public health and medical con-
 12 sequences of a bioterrorist attack on the civilian
 13 population between—

14 “(i) local firefighters, ambulance per-
 15 sonnel, police and public security officers,
 16 or other emergency response personnel;
 17 and

18 “(ii) hospitals, primary care facilities,
 19 ~~or~~ *and* public health agencies.

20 “(3) WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP.—In estab-
 21 lishing such working group, the Secretary shall act
 22 through the Director of the Office of Emergency
 23 Preparedness and the Director of the Centers for
 24 Disease Control and Prevention.

1 “(4) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall en-
 2 sure coordination and communication between the
 3 working groups established in this subsection and
 4 subsection (a).

5 “(c) GRANTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
 7 tion with the working group established under sub-
 8 section (b), ~~shall award grants on a competitive~~
 9 ~~basis to~~ *shall, on a competitive basis and following*
 10 *scientific or technical review, award grants to or*
 11 *enter into cooperative agreements with* eligible enti-
 12 ties to enable such entities to increase their capacity
 13 to detect, diagnose, and respond to acts of bioter-
 14 rorism upon the civilian population.

15 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be an eligible entity
 16 under this subsection, such entity must be a State,
 17 political subdivision of a State, *a* consortium of 2 or
 18 more States or political subdivisions of States, or a
 19 hospital, clinic, or primary care facility.

20 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives
 21 a grant under this subsection shall use such funds
 22 for activities that are consistent with the priorities
 23 identified by the working group under subsection
 24 (b), including—

1 “(A) training health care professionals and
2 public health personnel to enhance the ability of
3 such personnel to recognize the symptoms and
4 epidemiological characteristics of exposure to a
5 potential bioweapon;

6 “(B) addressing rapid and accurate identi-
7 fication of potential bioweapons;

8 “(C) coordinating medical care for individ-
9 uals exposed to bioweapons; and

10 “(D) facilitating and coordinating rapid
11 communication of data generated from a bioter-
12 rorist attack between national, State, and local
13 health agencies.

14 “(4) COORDINATION.—The Secretary, in award-
15 ing grants under this subsection, shall—

16 “(A) notify the Director of the Office of
17 Justice Programs, and the Director of the Na-
18 tional Domestic Preparedness Office annually
19 as to the amount and status of grants awarded
20 under this subsection; and

21 “(B) coordinate grants awarded under this
22 subsection with grants awarded by the Office of
23 Emergency Preparedness and the Centers for
24 Disease Control and Prevention for the purpose
25 of improving the capacity of health care pro-

1 viders and public health agencies to respond to
2 bioterrorist attacks on the civilian population.

3 “(5) ACTIVITIES.—An entity that receives a
4 grant under this subsection shall, to the greatest ex-
5 tent practicable, coordinate activities carried out
6 with such funds with the activities of a local Metro-
7 politan Medical Response System.

8 “(d) FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
9 ensure that the Department of Health and Human Serv-
10 ices is able to provide such assistance as may be needed
11 to State and local health agencies to enable such agencies
12 to respond effectively to bioterrorist attacks.

13 “(e) EDUCATION.—The Secretary, in collaboration
14 with members of the working group described in sub-
15 section (b), and professional organizations and societies,
16 shall—

17 “(1) develop and implement educational pro-
18 grams to instruct public health officials, medical
19 professionals, and other personnel working in health
20 care facilities in the recognition and care of victims
21 of a bioterrorist attack; and

22 “(2) develop and implement programs to train
23 laboratory personnel in the recognition and identi-
24 fication of a potential bioweapon.

1 “(f) FUTURE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT.—The Di-
2 rector of National Institutes of Health and the Director
3 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall
4 consult with the working group described in subsection
5 (a), to develop priorities for and conduct research, inves-
6 tigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies in the
7 health sciences related to—

8 “(1) the epidemiology and pathogenesis of po-
9 tential bioweapons;

10 “(2) the development of new vaccines or other
11 therapeutics against pathogens likely to be used in
12 a bioterrorist attack;

13 “(3) the development of medical diagnostics to
14 detect potential bioweapons; and

15 “(4) other relevant research areas.

16 ~~“(g) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the~~
17 ~~date of enactment of this section, and annually, on June~~
18 ~~30 of each year thereafter, the Secretary shall prepare and~~
19 ~~submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,~~
20 ~~and Pensions of the Senate, the Committee on Commerce~~
21 ~~of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Armed~~
22 ~~Services of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services~~
23 ~~of the House of Representatives, and other congressional~~
24 ~~committees as may be appropriate, a report that—~~

1 ~~“(1) details the activities carried out by the~~
 2 ~~working groups under subsections (a) and (b) during~~
 3 ~~the fiscal year preceding the date on which the re-~~
 4 ~~port is submitted and describing such activities to be~~
 5 ~~undertaken by Federal agencies to combat bioter-~~
 6 ~~rorism in the subsequent year;~~

7 ~~“(2) describes the programs carried out under~~
 8 ~~subsection (c); and~~

9 ~~“(3) describes activities carried out by the Sec-~~
 10 ~~retary under subsections (d) and (e).~~

11 ~~“(h) (g) GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT.—~~
 12 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
 13 this section, the Comptroller General shall submit to the
 14 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
 15 the Senate and the Committee on Commerce of the House
 16 of Representatives a report that describes—

17 “(1) Federal activities primarily related to re-
 18 search on, preparedness for, and the management of
 19 the public health and medical consequences of a bio-
 20 terrorist attack against the civilian population;

21 “(2) the coordination of the activities described
 22 in paragraph (1);

23 “(3) the amount of Federal funds authorized or
 24 appropriated for the activities described in para-
 25 graph (1); and

1 “(4) the effectiveness of such efforts in pre-
2 paring national, State, and local authorities to ad-
3 dress the public health and medical consequences of
4 a potential bioterrorist attack against the civilian
5 population.

6 “~~(j)~~ (h) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds ap-
7 propriated under this section shall be used to supplement
8 and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public
9 funds provided for activities under this section.

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